

JULIUS DOSEY PLAYED COLORFUL ROLE IN SETTLEMENT OF P.C.

Esther Dosey is the last member of a family that figured prominently in Pine City history. She still lives in the turn of the century home that was built by her father.

The home could very well be included on the National Historical list as it has never been occupied by anyone than the original family .

"I was never into the history of the area as much as my sister Julia," she said, but her sharp mind and recall of bygone days in Pine City's past make visiting with her a treasured experience.

"We had a lot of happy times in this home," she said. "It's built with square nails you know. It's that old."

Her father, Julius Dosey, came to the area when it was being logged off and worked as a surveyor, *& lumber cruiser*

"He worked directly with the Indians and knew many of them," his daughter said. "He surveyed the Mille Lac Indian Reservation."

The Indian beadwork collection on display in the Pine City Library (ECR) was donated by the Dosey family and the items were gifts to Julius Dosey from his Indian friends.

Dosey was engaged in the lumber business for 40 years and an expert woodman.

He worked for a company for three years without receiving any pay. The manager warned Dosey that he would never receive any compensation unless he took it as the company was on the verge of bankruptcy.

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Dosey #2.

He took the hint and settled for a ~~six~~ team of six oxen and a wagon. It was small pay for three years work but better than nothing and Dosey went into logging for himself.

Later, he worked for the Tozier Lumber Company for 26 years and because of his knowledge of the woods and land was an employee of the Government Land Department for a number of years.

"My father was mayor of Pine City 19 different times," Esther Dosey said.

An interesting little story of his political experiences is part of Pine City history.

Campaigning for Mayor of Pine City in 1898 was very competitive. Julius Dosey and R.P. Allen, both popular candidates, were opposing each other and the race was close.

When the last vote was counted the election turned out to be a tie.

The two men agreed to fight a duel of chance for the position. Since the year 1898 was really Dosey's turn to be mayor rather than councilman, he was permitted to choose the weapons with which he and Allen were to combat.

Dosey chose a pair of dice, confident that his long experience as a woodman would gain him the advantage with the cubes.

Allen, who had never shook dice in his life won.

Dosey served another year as councilman and Allen was Mayor.

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